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FOREVER.



*Communities of*  
COASTAL GEORGIA FOUNDATION



# STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGH ENGAGED PHILANTHROPY

**Our mission statement is just six words. Yet within the simplicity of our purpose resides the promise of a profound and open-ended embracing of all the good that can happen when the generosity of today enriches and benefits the generations of tomorrow.**

## COASTAL GEORGIA FOUNDATION

In 2005, a cadre of some 70 families and foundations gathered their visions and their personal resources to establish the Coastal Georgia Foundation. The group forged a public philanthropic organization, thoughtfully devoted to facilitating private giving that sustains and improves the quality of life here in Coastal Georgia.

Today, joined by a growing number of like-minded individuals, families and organizations, their vision lives and breathes, directly benefiting the citizens of Glynn, McIntosh and Camden counties and beyond. Our Founders, Board members and Fundholders are all deeply committed to making a difference. We invite you to meet them at the Foundation's website.

The Coastal Georgia Foundation is one of 750 such foundations across the nation.

Broadly defined, community foundations serve to bring a wide range of philanthropic interests together—individuals, families, businesses and organizations—to promote civic and community betterment through collective, strategic and solution-focused philanthropy.

The community foundation idea is simple: a **proactive, cost-efficient and tax-effective way for citizens to invest in their philanthropic passions and the future well-being of local communities.**

While there are currently twenty community foundations in Georgia, the Coastal Georgia Foundation is one of only seven to receive accreditation by the National Council on Foundations, signifying our compliance with the highest standards of regulatory, ethical, accounting and governance practices.

## CONNECTING PEOPLE WHO CARE WITH CAUSES THAT MATTER.

The Coastal Georgia Foundation is many things: researcher, educator, funding counselor and community steward. And yes, grantmaker. More importantly, we serve as thoughtful matchmakers between the philanthropic desires of our donors and areas of need from local to global.

This engaged matchmaking is the product of the exhaustive research and keen understanding that intimately aligns donors with recipients.

While the Foundation seeks to evaluate and address local community needs, we are equally skilled at fulfilling the wishes of donors who desire to support specific



fields or organizations for which they have a personal interest, even if they exist well beyond our region.

Our mission is founded on partnering with donors to make a measurable and meaningful impact on a community and on the lives of those who live there.

The beginning point is not vast wealth. It's simply your desire to make a difference.

## YOU DON'T GIVE TO US. YOU GIVE THROUGH US.

The Coastal Georgia Foundation is not the beneficiary of donor donations. We are a conduit, a community-focused catalyst, a portal and a launch point for strategic and sustained philanthropy that serves the greater good.

## THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CHARITY AND PHILANTHROPY.

The distinction is important. While charity responds, **philanthropy anticipates**; charity is emotional, **philanthropy is intellectual**; charity seeks to solve, **philanthropy seeks to prevent**; charity is short-term, **philanthropy is long-term**; charity is about today, **philanthropy is about tomorrow**.

The Coastal Georgia Foundation is a hybrid. While the financial base of private foundations comes from a single source, we derive our support from an array of donors. And where most non-profit charities focus on a single issue or area of interest, we work with donors to invest in a variety of issues and promote a full range of community interests.



## THUMBPRINTS AND BLUEPRINTS.

In the actions we take today and in the legacy we leave for tomorrow, we all have the desire to make our mark.

**Make an impact. Make a difference.**

That difference finds voice in the word philanthropy. By definition, a noun.

Yet philanthropy can be the most active of verbs, energized when placed in motion as people become truly connected to their community and connect their passions with a purpose.



**The thumbprint is yours alone. The blueprint that brings it to life is what we do together.**

## WE ARE SHAPED BY DONOR INTERESTS AND PASSIONS.

We believe that the well-being of each person is connected to that of every other person.

Effective philanthropy can enrich us all while enabling you to communicate your values and leave your thumbprint on the future.

The Coastal Georgia Foundation builds its resources through a broad cross-section of the public in supporting community needs.

The Foundation's assets are a collection of funds from donors desiring to provide long-term support for their communities and their causes.

These funds, managed by investment professionals, are pooled and invested together to generate sustained resources.

Whether you wish to continue to support a specific charitable entity or would like to learn about new programs that are making a real difference in our communities, the Foundation is here to serve you, your passions and your vision.

The Foundation seeks an enlightened, informed and enthusiastic partnership with our donors and the future we see and shape together.

Through administrative support, guidance, investment management, innovative thinking and intensive community knowledge, we open the door to inspired, effective and impactful philanthropy.

## FUNDS THAT STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES AND SHAPE LEGACIES.

The Foundation is composed of endowed and non-endowed funds established by those who wish to create a charitable legacy to benefit causes they care about most. Endowments are permanent funds created when a gift is made and invested with income used now and in the future for charitable grantmaking. Through endowments, legacies are created.

A gift to the Foundation can be expected to grow and provide for community needs well into the future. Each year, through donor funds and a competitive grants process, the Foundation invests approximately half a million dollars in worthwhile causes that strengthen communities.

We can help you establish any of the following different funds as well as many others. Each provide significant tax advantages now with the certainty of long-term philanthropy.

### **DONOR ADVISED FUNDS**

The Foundation's most flexible and popular funds allow donors to make grant recommendations to a broad range of charities, working with the Foundation to identify ways to use monies to address the community needs they care about most.

### **DESIGNATED FUNDS**

These funds are a good option for those who wish to contribute to several specific charities through one gift.

### **UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

Donating to the Foundation's general fund allows the donor to give back to the community in a general way, rather than supporting a particular organization or cause.

### **FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS**

These funds, defined by donor priorities, support particular charitable causes, organizations and initiatives.

To establish these funds, the Foundation accepts various types of assets, including cash and appreciated property, publicly traded stock, closely held stock and/or real estate. The Foundation also accepts deferred or planned charitable gifts including bequests, life insurance, trusts, annuities, retirement accounts, life estates and other options. At your direction, we are pleased to work on your behalf with your attorney, tax professional and/or financial advisor to carry out your wishes.

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